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MBA RIDES WAVE IN CLINIC BOWL

Cops State Title In Thanksgiving Romp

For the third consecutive Thanksgiving, Coach Tommy Owen's M.B.A. football team finished its season undefeated and proved its supremacy in the N.I.L. and the state of Tennessee with a convincing Clinic Bowl victory. The decisive win over the highly-ranked Green Wave of Gallatin clinched for the Big Red the well deserved AP, Litkenhous, and Action Ratings State Championship. Coach Boyce Smith of Springfield paid M.B.A. the supreme compliment in calling them the best high school football team he had seen in his many successful years as a coach.

Behind the strong running of Barrett Sutton, Peter Power, and All-State, Most Valuable Jeff Peoples, the Big Red ground attack churned out a record 322 yards. The credit, however, does not go to these runners entirely, for the vast holes opened in the rugged line made the tremendous gains possible. Such great linemen include All-Stater Mike Denson, big Tommy Summers, tough Bim Glasgow, wild Bill Davenport, Steve Burkhalter, and Bill Summers. Without their excellent blocking,

the Big Red offense would have been slowed tremendously.

On the cold, windy Thanksgiving Day classic, the Green Wave started off very fast with a big touchdown drive of 76 yards, but the fired-up M.B.A. team came back with a big safety by Bert Dale to start the Big Red rolling. With 7:07 left in the first half, Peter Power faded back and found Barry Banker all alone down field for a touchdown covering 48 yards. As a result the Maroons took a slim 9-7 lead into the locker room.

When the second half began, the dam broke loose and everything began to fall on the Green Wave. The Red line fired out and opened gaping holes for the Power-packed backfield. Five plays after the opening kick-off, Barrett Sutton found paydirt on a hard fought 30-yard ramble. Then the Big Red went 53 yards the next time they got the ball, a drive which saw great faking to Jeff Peoples by Peter Power which resulted in a 10-yard sweep around end for the second touchdown of the third period. M.B.A. completely dominated the play in the third quarter by amassing 10 first downs.

The Big Red had a 21-7 lead



Barrett Sutton, wearing the familiar number 33, breaks through the Gallatin line for a big Clinic Bowl gain as Banker looks on.

going into the final period. But they continued to pour on the pressure. Jeff Peoples scored on a 3-yard run which capped M.B.A.'s longest sustained drive of the afternoon of 80 yards. With this score Bill Husband came in to make the extra point and the score 28-7. Then sophomore Bill Peer-man got into the action with a big

interception on the Big Red 33 and returned it to the Gallatin 28, and a clipping penalty moved the ball in from the 10 for the final score of the afternoon, the 27th straight victory in a row for the Big Red and, most of all, for the second straight State Championship.

The rugged Big Red defense led by Bill Woodcock, Steve Burkhalter,

Mike Denson, Bim Glasgow, Karl Hamilton, Duke Rose, Bert Dale, and Bill Peerman gave up only 167 yards total rushing to the Green Wave and showed the state who the best defensive team in the state is.

Congratulations to the whole team on a great season and a great Clinic Bowl victory.

From the Stage:

POLICE ADDRESS STUDENTS



Sergeants Bodenhammer and Kretchner of the Metro Police

MBA has been very fortunate in having many interesting assembly programs since our last issue. Mr. Conrad Warlick of the University of Virginia and Miss Bonnie DeHoff, representing Cumberland College, have been our guests on two occasions. Edwin Milam and his teacher Gregory Colson (who, we are sorry to say, is leaving us for greener fields in Atlanta) entertained the school one morning with several piano duets and excellent solo performances.

In keeping with the tradition of the past several years, two gentlemen from the Junior Chamber of Commerce addressed the student body and initiated our sale of Clinic Bowl tickets, telling us a little about the history of the Clinic Bowl and the many ways in which the proceeds benefit the patients at Vanderbilt's Physical Therapy Clinic.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Dr. Frank Drowota of Woodmont Christian Church presented to us a brief history of this holiday in the form of a story entitled "The Five Grains of Corn," in which he pointed out these aspects of life for which we should be especially thankful.

Earlier in November, two members of the Metro Police Force came to MBA as representatives of



Student Ed Milam and his teacher Greg Colson acknowledge the applause of the students following their performance.

MUSIC MEN ADD NOTE OF CULTURE

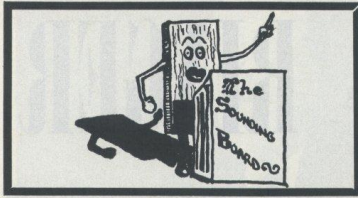
The name of the game is sound; the combination of Milam and Colson is a guarantee that the audience will get their money's worth.

An ordinary Thursday in November—the fourteenth, as a matter of fact—proved an extraordinary experience for Big Red's student body, who had the privilege of hearing the duo in concert at assembly.

Performing individually and col-

lived by Hammond Organ Studies, Edwin and Mr. Colson produced a program geared to the wide range of musical tastes represented by the student body.

"Up, Up, and Away," the pair's opening number, was followed by a joint rendition of Bach's "Siciliano." Edwin's provocative interpretation of "Days of Wine and Roses" was augmented by Mr. Colson's melody from "West Side Story." Milam and Mr. Colson



"Communication Gap" at MBA?

In recent years it has been a custom at MBA, on the day of the Ryan game, for seniors to invade eighth period study hall a few minutes before dismissal time. There, in order to raise student spirit and support for the football team, they would lead the study hall in a few cheers while parading the annual Ryan "dummy" around the room.

This year was no exception, with football spirit being exceptionally high. The dummy was made and hung from a tree all morning. That afternoon it was taken down and at 3:15, five minutes before school would be over for the week, the seniors ran chanting and clapping into the study hall. They remained there for two or three minutes. Student enthusiasm was high. Response from the study hall was very favorable with a notable exception.

Mr. Mitchell, the teacher in charge, unaware that the cheering was an annual ritual, went to Mr. Carter and asked if permission had been given. Mr. Carter replied that it had not, and it was decided the students would be punished.

After a great game with Ryan, it was announced the following Wednesday the seniors would be punished for their impromptu pep rally. Everyone who had participated was asked to voluntarily turn in his name. Although there was no way to check on the students, each senior who had been in the group complied.

Demerits for all was one of the originally recommended punishments for the unsuspecting offenders. However, after protests from students and consultations with other faculty members, the punishment was lessened to requiring each senior to spend extra time in study hall for the remainder of the week or to show up for an hour's work detail on Saturday morning. (See related story and picture on Page 3.)

The amount of punishment, which was greatly mitigated from what was originally intended is not the object of concern. I believe punishment of any kind can not be justified.

The seniors who invaded the study hall had no other purpose than to build school spirit for the Ryan game. At that time of day there was little interruption of work. No regular classes meet downstairs at this time. But punishment was given, and protests now can not erase that fact.

But the condition that caused this unfortunate incident can be remedied. It was caused by the lack of communication and understanding between students, faculty and administration.

The seniors, relying on what they thought was an accepted football tradition, acted without permission. Mr. Mitchell reported it, as he considered himself bound to do. Mr. Carter, not knowing of last year's incident, and remembering he had given demerits for the same thing two years ago, decided on punishment.

Everybody concerned, therefore, did what he thought he should do. But must we be caught in this pattern of rigidity? Understanding and tolerance could have prevented this incident, and can prevent others like it in the future.

The Student Council should have been consulted. It is illogical that on a matter involving almost half the senior class, that the Student Council was left out entirely.

On the Friday of the Ryan game, students, teachers and administration at MBA had common goals—a good school and victory on the field. We still want these things, and people with a common purpose can solve their problems. The "communication gap" at MBA ought to be closed.

—Henry Walker

Letters to the Editor

Two Sides To Dick Gregory

Dear Editor:

In spite of Dick Gregory, America is not an insane nation; our only problem is that we have been influenced by morally polluted people like Dick Gregory who want to destroy America and the great ideas and morals it was founded upon. Gregory calls himself the voice of Black America; but a Black America cannot exist. There is only one America which was founded by freedom-loving people, not Communists, anarchists, draft-card burners, Communist-sympathizers, and Black Power advocates.

I believe all people are created equal, but they should not always remain so; for a person who works for what he wants and is a good citizen deserves better wages and a better home than a person who is too lazy to work and lives in a Federal Housing Project while receiving welfare from those who do work.

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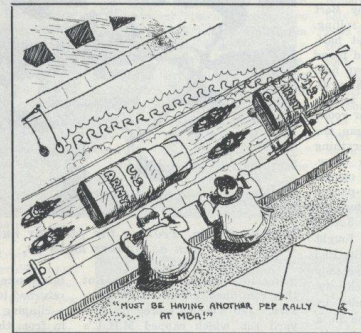
Editorial

Insight Appears On Campus

The Bell Ringer welcomes to the sagging ranks of high-school publications *Insight*, a semi-underground newspaper originating from Hillsboro High School but rapidly spreading in readership throughout West Nashville. Several Hillsboro students have appeared after school distributing copies (a ten-cent donation is recommended) of this newspaper, which has apparently found wide readership among our study body. *Insight* was founded as an alternative to the regular Hillsboro school paper *Hilltopics* which, the editor of *Insight* felt, had consistently failed to come to grips with all of the real issues and problems confronting the school, nor had it been responsive to the prevailing attitudes of the student body.

Insight, therefore, was started, completely without faculty supervision or the knowledge of the school administration, as an effort to relieve this situation and to provide an effective and largely uncensored rostrum for student opinions. Its effectiveness can best be measured by the attitude of the students and the faculty toward the newspaper. Praised and welcomed on one hand, condemned and confiscated on the other, the result can only be described as extremely controversial, certainly a refreshing change from the bland whitewash found in nearly all faculty-supervised high-school newspapers.

What *Insight* lacks in quality (the second issue was much better than the first, but there is still ample room for improvement) it makes up in reader interest. Most of the articles, though admittedly biased, are well worth reading, both from an informative standpoint and as a truly broadening insight into the type of liberal-minded commentary on life that can be of value to all of us.



What Others Say

How many times have you heard, "Well, it is a free country!" "But it isn't a free country. You can't drop out of school because you'd be drafted, and you have to study certain things to get a degree to make it, and you can't even decide what you want because it's all programmed into you beforehand. You can 'say' whatever you want, but you won't be heard because the media controls that; but if you do manage to be heard, the people have been told what to like. And if they don't like you, they might even kill you, because the government endorses killing by exemplification."—James S. Kumen, Atlantic Monthly Magazine.

"Pornography sounds bad, very bad; but I've never met a man who would tell me what it is."—Justice Hugo Black.

"Those who can, do; those who cannot, teach."—George Bernard Shaw

"If you can keep your hair when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you."

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the Bell Ringer, an article was written about Dick Gregory's visit to Vanderbilt University. As anticipated there was much reaction to the article, some commending it and some condemning it. Despite our feeling about this controversial person, we cannot accept him as a "communist nigger" or "a prophet of the black people" when we actually do not know enough about him except what our parents or what rumors say of him.

Mr. Gregory considers himself as an emotionally militant but humble Negro. As an emotionally militant person, he is disgusted with white people who cannot deal with the Negroes honestly. Mr. Gregory believes that the civil rights bill is not needed when the highest document in this country declares, "All men are created equal. . ."

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our favorite season

Now that it's time for Christmas, I think it would be good if everyone realized how lucky he is to live in America. Of course, all Christian countries have their quaint little Christmas customs, but where else besides America is the entire season so elaborately organized and artistically presented? Nowhere, really, except perhaps in those fortunate places where American influence has largely taken over. Someday in the future it will probably be said that Christmas was invented in the United States.

Of course, decorating for Christmas is not unique to America; but who first thought of manufacturing the ornaments for the whole nation, so that no one would have to spend his time laboring over some crummy little handmade objects? One can decorate his house so quickly now that Christmas scarcely disrupts his life at all. Of course, competition between stores to have the most attractive Christmas display really produces some inspiring things to look at. Plastic trees, wreaths, and holly never lose the lifelike shine they had when they were made and can be used year after year. The manufactured perfection and symmetry of an American city at Christmas put all efforts of poorer countries to shame.

Our idea of Santa Claus is far more advanced than anyone else's. Children here have the opportunity to meet Santa and talk to him right when they are in the toy department and can get all sorts of ideas about what to ask him for. Through this wonderful convenience, a child can use Christmas to catch up on getting all the new toys he doesn't have yet. Best of all for the child, he doesn't have to get Santa anything in return. Yes, if it weren't for our Santa, Christmas would never be the joyful season for children that it is.

Gift-giving is another phase of Christmas which became highly developed in this country. With the gift advisory departments in stores, one does not have to rack his brains to think of suitable gifts for all his family and friends. And with gifts as easy to exchange as they are now, who really worries about getting just the right gift? Buying all the presents is no headache unless you want to make it into a headache. Imagination, knowledge of the receiver, and loving care in selection all become optional if you have a little money. You can give someone a good gift whether you care about him or not.

Finally, there is the wonderful emphasis that Americans place on Christmas. Even before Thanksgiving is over, it seems that no one can wait for the Christmas season to start. The stores devote the whole month of December to selling Christmas items, while all the artists, musicians, and radio and television people give us all the Christmas we can take. Everyone who needs publicity or a market has a wonderful chance to get it when people are so receptive of Christmas things. What a wonderful way to get Christmas "in the air"!

The United States is such a fast-moving and commercial country that one might suspect that they would be too busy to take much time out for a religious holiday. We have solved this problem by having some people expand their business in order to make Christmas convenient for all the other people. No one really has to neglect anything just for the proper observance of this day. All he needs to do is to spend some money, a thing which most Americans are equipped to do.



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Queen Sally Doris poses with her attendants Margie Shaffer and Tina Cummings. Their escorts are from left to right: Mac Pirkle, Berry Holt, and J. B. Marks.

HOMEcoming FESTIVITIES

On October 18, two momentous events occurred at MBA, each causing a great deal of excitement. On this Friday, the long awaited first issue of the *Bell Ringer* was distributed to the students, and that night the annual MBA homecoming game and spaghetti dinner were held, during which the *Bell Ringer* was found to be very useful in cleaning up spaghetti. We want to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for coming through again with an excellent spaghetti dinner. All the money made from the dinner goes directly back to the school, since the mothers' contributions are all voluntary. The meal was made even more delicious by the many pretty waitresses who volunteered to serve. They were the sisters and girl friends of MBA students, and they even paid for tickets to serve the dinner.

After the dinner, everyone was treated to a fine football game during which MBA trounced Memphis State University 34-7. (For more on this game, see the sports section.) During the half-time ceremony, Sally Doris, escorted by Berry Holt, was honored as this year's MBA homecoming queen. Her attendants were Margie Schaeffer and Tina Cummings. The queen, elected by the football team, is always a welcome attraction at this annual affair. During half-time the winners of the raffle prizes were announced; Dr. Tom Nesbitt was the grand prize winner. The ticket sale results were also announced. The seniors, sophomores, and eighth grade were the winners of the holiday.

After the game, the Pictures, a group invited by Dave Alexander, entertained the students at the combo in the wrestling pavilion.



Pretty waitresses and good spaghetti make a successful dinner.

NIXON SWEEPS SCHOOL IN MOCK ELECTION

On November fourth, the students of MBA participated in a mock election for President of the United States. Richard Nixon with 243 votes and 65% of the total number of votes was declared the winner, with Vice-President Humphrey and former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace receiving 16% and 15% of the votes, respectively. Some students did not think that any of the three major candidates were qualified, and as a result there were 21 write-in votes. These included Dick Greg-

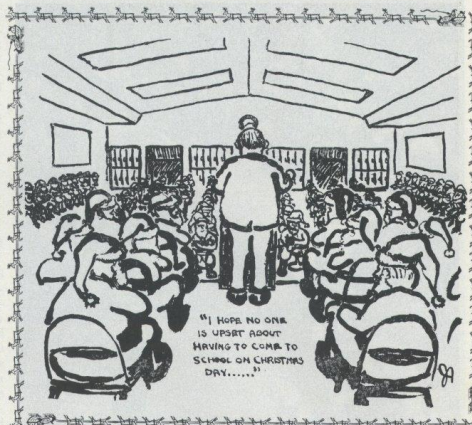
ory, who headed the list with 6 votes; followed by MBA's illustrious English teacher, Bill Nelson, who after demanding a recount, was still nudged out by Nixon by a margin of 239 votes. Ray Nietzsche, defensive linebacker of the Green Bay Packers, received one vote, as did President Lyndon Johnson and The Esao Tiger. Mr. Meriwether and his running-mate Mrs. Bowen and MBA's Super-star Jeff Peeples round out the list of candidates who polled one vote.

PATRICK WILSON LIBRARY DEDICATED

On November 3, 1968, the Patrick Wilson Library was formally dedicated to Montgomery Bell Academy. Approximately four hundred alumni, students, and friends attended the ceremony, which was held in Wallace Hall because of unfavorable weather. The proceedings, which began at four o'clock in the afternoon, were covered by local news and television services.

Mr. Francis E. Carter Jr. commenced the ceremony by introducing the program in honor of the new library. The chorus followed the introduction and sang "Gaudeamus Igitur". Next, Dr. Courtney of First Presbyterian Church eulogized the person whose name the edifice bears, Patrick Wilson, recalling the productive life of this young man. The chorus returned to sing "On Our Way Rejoicing" at the conclusion of Dr. Courtney's eulogy. Then, Mr. John Sloan, president of the board of trustees, thanked all who had worked to make the construction of this fine building possible. Special thanks was given to Mrs. Justin Potter, whose generous gift financed the completion of the library, and to Mrs. Fryer, whose dedication toward the improvement of our resource facilities has contributed much to the school plant. Finally, Mr. Carter concluded the brief dedication ceremonies.

After the formal ceremonies, guests were treated to refreshments of punch and cookies; and they were allowed to tour the rooms of the new library. Many friends of MBA were quite impressed by the beauty of the library and the number of functions which it provided, a tribute to the fine architectural work of Taylor & Crabtree. Thus concluded the dedication of the latest and perhaps most significant addition to the MBA school plant, a building which every student can be proud of.



Seventh Grade News

The seventh graders who made the privilege list were Joe Collier, Eddie Gillum, Frank Rambo, Miller Batson, and Andy Claybrook.

In the tennis match, Cliff Greer defeated Author Goldner by the score of 2-1.

Denny Thompson, world's smallest quarterback, is going out for basketball?

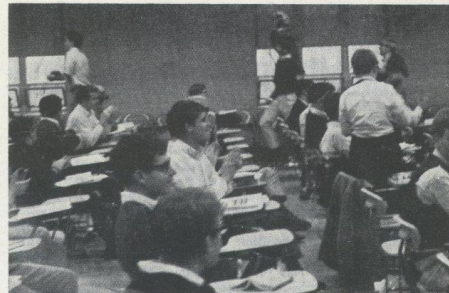
This year's Microbe football team included ten seventh graders on the squad.

Willie Mann, 7-N's history scholar, is making history?

In intramural football, Sam Fentress's team, coached by seniors Mac Pirkle, Tommy Brothers, and Whit Clark, won all five games and the coveted Milkshake Bowl.

The seventh grade class officers of 1968-69 are: 7N—Denny Thompson, Scott Tyzard, and Jamie Cowan; 7A—Joe Collier, Dan Barge, Bill Branch; 7B—David Small, Miller Batson, Reed Trickett.

As Markus Harton says it, "The feminine gender of aviator is stewardess?"



Student hecklers demonstrate ritual tribal dance in study temple.

STUDY HALL INVADDED

At approximately 3:15 P.M. on November 13, 1968, some forty seniors chaotically blitzed through the doors of Wallace Hall. The spirited anarchists began to scamper around the interior of the serene structure and started to produce an earthy heat by banging their hands together. Study hall Chief Mitchell immediately tried to summon the hecklers to come to peaceful terms by a beckoning curl of the index finger. The impudent rebels seemed not to notice the authoritative signal as they started to emit disrupting cries. No, the wild adolescents did not shout "Sieg Heil", "Stop the war", or even "Kill the Beast". The unruly seniors chose to blare such emotional screams as "Roll, Red, Roll!" and "Watermelon, Watermelon—Ryan—Ryan!"

The uninhibited young upstarts, strangely enough, gave no caustic shouts of protest nor did they exhibit any insulting picket signs. However, one of them seemed to be strangling some lifeless purple figure. What was this figure that seemed to inspire the MBA student body to chant so animalistically? Were they uncouthly denouncing some alien that the seniors had just lynched? No, the MBA stu-

dents were spiritually involved in a special kind of voo doo ritual all their own. The purple voo doo doll was held high in the air by the piercing claws of the leader. The crowd of barbarous adolescents suddenly began to shout at the figure with a weird rhythmic curse that went something like this: "Hey! Wop, up, side-a-tha-head; hey wop-em-up-side-a-tha-head!"

The rebels soon realized that they had gained complete control of Wallace Hall. The students had almost succeeded in their innate dream of a student rebellion, anarchy in education. It looked as though the vast student laboring class had finally perceived the power of their majority against the small authoritative faculty. But, after circling the study hall twice, the seniors dispersed through the doors. They, as usual, failed to make their dream of a successful rebellion a reality. The senior rebels saw, when they chose to run out of Wallace Hall, that they didn't truly want to face the reality of a successful rebellion, because, as a dream, THE REVOLT seemed much more exciting and intriguing to their imagination.

—Richard Downey

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Up and over as MBA's All Stater Jeff Peeples gets upended in the Clinch Bowl.

From the Scrimmage Line

by Barrett Sutton

Looking back over the last six years, there are many amusing and interesting things to remember about our different football teams:

Seventh grade—practicing on the hill in front of the Ball Building; playing on a 100 yard field; the "milk shake bowl"

Eighth grade—being "microbes"; playing a real schedule; Duke Rose ejected from the Palmer game; beating Baylor at the end of the year

Ninth grade—the arrival of unknowns, Peeples and Power and Alexander; Graham and Suffridge anchoring the line; Power as unstoppable tailback before his injury; easy practices with Coach Bennett, Lee Noel, and Pat Woods; easy victories; two weeks with the varsity coaches after the season

Sophomore—Jacoway and Reed; first summer practice; the opener against Pearl; the Pearl warm-up and Hobart Suggs; speeches by Bracewell and Blair; standing in the freezing rain during the Franklin tie; the first Clinch Bowl and the party at Engler's

Junior—Sandy and Husband getting mad against Franklin; Davenport wanting to play so badly; winning the state championship in all the polls; the importance of the winning streak

Senior—the heat at summer practice; dreams of clobbering everybody before injuries to Bill and Gordon; disappointment after the Hillwood game; playing better in the second halves of games; Cleveland winning in one final poll; playing the last ball game at MBA against Ryan in the mud; beating Gallatin

MBA won the AP, Litkenhouse, and Action Rating State Championships, but not the pre-Clinch Bowl UPI ratings.

Although MBA was not the unanimous pick for the state championship this year, we proved to ourselves against Gallatin that we could beat anybody we had to. I don't think that we ever reached our peak during the season; we were getting better each week as the winter approached. If we had had a few more games, The Big Red might have put on some really awesome displays for its fans.

This year's team was definitely the best defensive squad at MBA for the last three seasons; but the team two years ago with Blair, Lawrence, Roady, Haury, Bracewell, Tidwell, Riddell, and others, may have had a more potent, if less consistent, offense.

Many people are an integral part of MBA football who neither coach nor play. These include trainer Bobby Dubuison; managers Jim Sugg, Phil Cockrill, Wade Sutton, and Tommy Harris; team physician, Dr. C. C. McClure; and Coach Owen's chief fan, Walter Glimp, the bus driver. Mr. Tillman, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Riggins and Mr. Condra provided the scouting reports on the opposition for Coach Owen.

The mental toughness of many boys, including Mike Denson, Jeff Peeples, Tommy Summers, and Karl Hamilton, enabled them to play in every game though slowed sometimes by injuries. Much credit is due to "Doctor Dubuison" for the time he spent in nursing all of the team through their countless injuries.

Various honors have come to several members of The Big Red for their efforts. While Peeples and Denson were all-staters, Woodcock, Glasgow, Hamilton, Rose, Power, and Banker received local recognition. Peeples, Denson, and Husband were also the honored guests of some colleges seeking their future services almost every week. Alabama, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Auburn, and Georgia Tech were among the schools they visited.

—Barrett Sutton

RED ROLLS TO 10-0

M.B.A. continued its road to a second straight state championship with a powerful second half of the season. On October 8, the Big Red used two "explosions" and an outstanding rushing defense to overcome a talented Overtown team 20-7. After a scoreless first half, the teams matched touchdowns in the third quarter. Then, the offense took over and MBA came through with touchdown runs of 61 yards by Peeples and 48 yards by Sutton. Peeples, Glasgow, Denson, Rose, and Sutton turned in outstanding performances.

On homecoming night, the second-half terrors pulled out a 34-7 victory over west state power, Memphis University School. Having been held to a 7-7 half-time tie, the Big Red exploded for 27 points in the final two periods. Among MBA's 308 rushing yards was an 84-yard touchdown dash by Barrett Sutton. Other touchdowns were scored by Peeples (2), Power, and Floyd. Karl Hamilton and

Mike Denson played a fine defensive game.

Coach Owen's forces upped their record to 7-0 with an easy 27-0 victory over hapless Hillsboro. It was their twenty-third consecutive win and resulted in a third straight Clinch Bowl bid. Jeff Peeples was again the star as he amassed 173 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Sutton scored the fourth TD as almost everyone saw action.

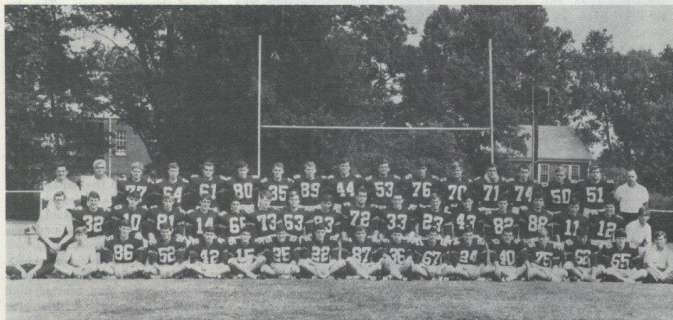
MBA continued its winning ways with a 25-0 victory over a very powerful Springfield team. The defense held the Jackets to only 93 yards total offense, while the Big Red's powerful offense rolled up 284 yards. Quarterback Peter Power was the standout. He scored on a six-yard run and connected on the most beautiful pass play of the season when he hit "Buckwheat" Banker for 52 yards and a touchdown. Curtis caught another of his aeriels for six points. Peeples scored the

other touchdown. Bill Woodcock and Steve Burkhalter were also outstanding.

The Big Red built up a 40-0 half time lead in walloping Glencliff 53-0. The powerful offense rolled up 427 yards total offense, while the defense held the Colts to 26 yards passing and -11 yards rushing. Jeff Peeples made four touchdowns; Curtis got two; Alexander and Power scored one each.

In the final regular season game, MBA's Peter Power really came through as the Big Red beat Ryan 18-0. With the rain pouring down and many people remembering the Franklin fiasco of 1966, Ryan and MBA ended the first half in a scoreless tie, as no team could muster any offense in the slush. However, the Red was not to be denied. On the second play of the third quarter, Super Jeff hauled the ball 54 yards to set up the first score. After he and Power had carried the ball seven times, Jeff

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The players, coaches, and managers of the 1968 MBA football team—NIL championship; Action Ratings, Associated Press, and Lit Ratings State Championship.

Reflections on Past Glories

By Head Coach Tommy Owen

In attempting to reconstruct the achievements of the past three varsity football teams at MBA, it is difficult to address oneself to the many facets that made all this possible.

Few people outside the football program recognize the contribution of the "faceless" members of the squad, and it is to these unsung heroes that this article is dedicated.

Everyone interested in the football program at MBA and those capable of reading the local newspapers recognize the names of Blair, Lawrence, Bracewell, Haury, Tidwell, Roady, Husband, Peeples, and Denson. Very few remember the names of Sellick, Rhett, Grice, Elam, Meeks, Overtown, Marable, Herndon, Harlan, Brown, Johnson, Short, Bryant and all.

Who are these faceless men? They are the backbone of every great team that gains the acclaim of the rabid sports fan. These are the men without whom game preparation is impossible; whose absence from practice, by just one of these, necessitates an overhauling of the day's practice schedule.

These are the men who are coached to play like MBA players in the hard days of August and early September and then have to unlearn some of these basic principles and try to act the part of the coming opponent three days a

week. They catch all manner of criticism from the head coach if they do not mimic the opponent's star players in an acceptable fashion. Then on Thursday and Friday, we expect them to cast away their play-acting and resume their

role as a perfect player in the MBA system.

And so we humbly praise and recognize the contributions of these men without whom there would be no chance of achieving greatness and overall excellence.



Quarterback Pete Power rolls out in a sweep against Springfield.

"BIG T" AND "WILD BILL" LOST IN THE LINE

While almost every senior starter has received some public recognition for his role in M.B.A.'s record-breaking season, two invaluable members of the squad have been unfairly overlooked by the press, though not by their grateful teammates, coaches, and fans. These two unheralded heroes are M.B.A.'s offensive guards, Tommy Summers and Bill Davenport.

Tommy Summers, in particular, is an example of the determination and mental toughness which characterized this year's team. As a freshman in Coach Knighton's agility group, "Big T" fractured his wrist. Reinjuring his hand early in his sophomore year, Tommy was not able to letter on the varsity. Last year, he again fractured his wrist, but he managed to play during the first of the year though he was in great pain. In the middle of the year, he tore ligaments in his knee while running sprints at practice and was forced to undergo surgery.

This season, Tommy was able to play in every game. What most people do not know is that from the middle of the year he played with painfully cracked bones in one hand and both wrists. As weak guard, Tommy is the lead blocker for power sweeps around the right end. His speciality is pass blocking, at which he is more efficient than any of Coach Rodgers' other awesome linemen.

Countless rushers and blitzing linebackers have had Peter Power dead in their sights only to be chopped down viciously by the alert Summers. Not enough people realize the tremendously efficient contribution which Tommy Summers has made for the Big Red. He has played, with much pain, not for glory, but because of the determination to contribute to the common goal of his teammates. For his great toughness and loyalty, "Big T" rates as a genuine "All-American".

Bill Davenport, the strong side guard, is probably the most "colorful" member of the squad. For his fiery nature and his aggressive approach to football, Bill had earned the name of "Wild Bill" and "Wild Man". For his muscular build and primitive hair-cut, he is also known as "Little Ape" and "Wee Willie". Through his three year relationship with Coach Rodgers, he has also been called "Davenport", "Knucklehead", and several other (unprintable) epithets.

One of Bill's greatest contributions to the Big Red with his ability to get mentally "up" for every game and transmit his enthusiasm and concentrated determination to the other players. As the Big Red sat listlessly around before one game, "Wild Bill" broke the silence in the locker room with a blood-curdling scream. That really stirred us up, but several of the

team nearly had heart-attacks.

Bill's assignments as strong guard are much the same as Tommy Summers' at weak guard. He is one of the best blocking guards in Nashville when it comes to firing out fast to cut off a linebacker. He has exceptional speed and strength. He is, both in character and action, a spark-plug type of guy.

Red Rolls . . .

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plunged over from the one and put the "tea-sippers" ahead 6-0. Power then moved the club 83 yards in 16 plays. This drive, climaxed by Pete's six-yard touchdown jaunt, was highlighted by "Stump's" beautiful faking and fine running. Peoples ended the scoring with a 7-yard run after Bim Glasgow had recovered a Ryan fumble on the twenty. The Irish managed only 30 yards offense. Peter Power and Bill Woodcock were named Players of the Week.

The Big Red defense, considered to be Coach Owen's best ever, was the brightest spot of a very rewarding season for the injury-plagued 1968 state champions. They gave up only an average of 1.06 yards per rush. Mainly responsible for this selfishness were linebackers Sutton and Hamilton and linemen Rose, Burkhalter, Denison, Glasgow, and Woodcock, who was the leading tackler in the last 4 games. Perhaps the team's highest compliment came when Springfield's Boyce Smith called MBA the best team he had ever seen. Very fitting, coming from someone who has coached there for 41 years.



Coach Owen discusses game strategy with fullback Barrett Sutton on the sideline.

Coach Owen: Gentleman, Scholar, and Athlete

Everyone associated with MBA knows that in Coach Tommy Owen MBA has one of the finest high school football coaches in the nation. As an example of his knowledge of the game, he once spent a whole evening at a coaches' clinic discussing strategy with Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys and Doug Dickey of the University of Tennessee.

Perhaps the seniors on this year's squad who have played for Coach Owen for three years can best appreciate his talent and his ability to influence a boy's character. As a coach, Tommy Owen has a very soft-spoken approach. He is usually very calm, intent, and decisive on the sidelines as well as the practice field. When he does get excited or aroused, his rare outbursts of anger or dismay are more than enough to insure that his team will not make the same mistake twice.

Coach Owen is a great believer in simple, sound football, properly executed. MBA thrashed Gallatin in the Clinic Bowl using five basic plays for most of the game. Coach Owen always knows what each of his players should do on any play in any given situation.

One junior on the team, amazed at Coach Owen's complete knowl-

edge of the game, said that from the sidelines, Coach Owen watches twenty-two players at one time and knows what each one is doing. Coach Owen's knowledge, however, is not superhuman in nature; it is the result of hours of watching films, studying his personnel, and determining the surest means of success in each game.

Outside of his coaching, he is looked upon differently by those around him, but admired by all. To the hopeful freshman, he is a mystery; to the sophomore, he is a bit frightening. The juniors realize what a great coach he is. The seniors, unanimously, are devoted to him and realize that he is responsible for everything which football has meant to them.

Coach Owen is always conscious of the obvious humor in situations; yet when discipline is necessary, he acts firmly with all due respect for the boy involved. Because of the mutual pride and respect which Coach Owen generates between himself and his boys, however, discipline is rarely necessary. Through his knowledge of football, his approach to coaching, and the example which he sets for his players, Coach Owen deserves the honor and success which he has brought to MBA.

ROGERS AND RIDGEWAY: SPECIALIZED COACHING

Few men today in this pressure filled world have enough patience to do a thorough job. Coach Ridgeway is one such man. His efforts to teach us dumb football players have not been entirely futile this year. Not only does he

tell one how to block on a certain play but also he does the block to give a complete picture of how it should be done. He takes exceptional pride in his work, and without a doubt a lot of this pride rubs off on the players.

Every coach has a specialty, but Coach Ridgeway has more than just one. His specialties are throwing the forty yard pass and kicking the forty yard field goal. Working with the ends for the past three years, he has developed an unusual accuracy in throwing the "bomb". In fact, that is one of the reasons the ends are in such good shape because they run so many long pass patterns. The ends, linebackers, and monsters thank Coach Ridgeway for his patience and hard work this year and wish him luck in the future.

Mr. Jim Rogers is certainly among the most outstanding coaches in the history of MBA football. Having only coached for three seasons at MBA so far (the interior line), his record stands at thirty wins, no losses, and one tie, and boasts two state championships. He especially loves to work his linemen in the "chutes" and on better pass-blocking techniques; but the main thing he enjoys teaching them is pride, not only in their school and team, but in themselves. He knows how to have a good sense of humor, but he can be really tough, and for this he is greatly admired by the entire football team and especially by his linemen.



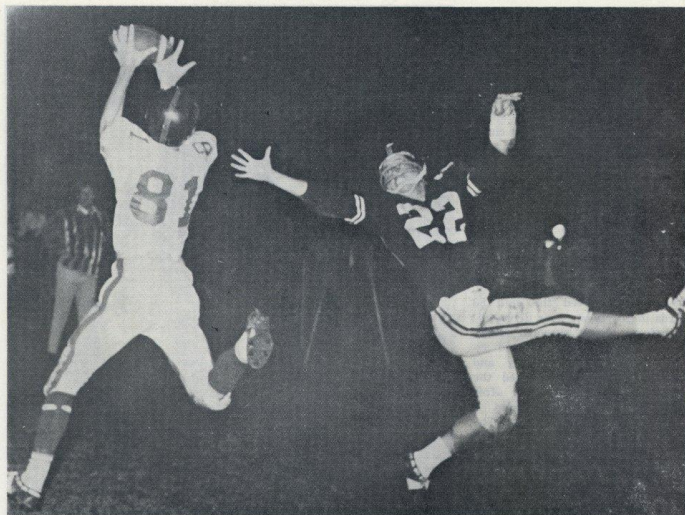
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"One, two, way back!" Bill Adams, senior end, snags a pass over the outstretched hands of a defender.

MBA 10-GAME STATISTICS—1968

		Team Statistics					
	Total Offense	Rush Att—Yd—Av	Pass Att—Comp—Int—Yd—TD	1st Downs	Points		
MBA	585—3337 yd	464—2627 (5.7)	121—43—10 710 yd—5 TD	154	292		
Opponent	433—730 yd	309—327 (1.06)	124—31—11 403 yd—2 TD	50	28		

Individual Statistics									
Name	Pass Rec	Yards	Av	TD	Name	Rushes	Yards	Av	TD
Peebles	9	184	20.0	0	Peebles	123	917	7.5	16
Banker	7	140	20.0	1	Sutton	103	722	7.0	8
Sutton	7	112	16.0	1	Power	75	275	3.7	6
Alexander	3	88	29.3	0	Banker	57	260	4.6	2
Summers, B.	6	43	7.1	1	Floyd	25	177	7.0	2
Curtis	2	39	19.5	1	Alexander	21	92	4.4	2
Adams	3	26	8.7	0	Curtis	19	78	4.1	2
Barriek	2	20	10.0	1					
	Pass Int	Yards	Av	TD		Pass Att	Comp—Int	Yards	TD
Banker	3	28	14.0	0	Power	83	33—8	611	4
Peebles	3	20	10.0	0	Fisher	20	5—1	62	0
Peerman	2	11	5.5	0	Frist	10	3—1	15	1
	Punt Ret	Yards	Av	TD		Punts	Yards	Av	TD
Peebles	14	209	14.9	1	Peebles	23	789	34.3	0
Peerman	3	41	13.7	0	Peerman	6	224	37.3	0
	PAT Att	Made	Pct			KO Ret	Yards	Av	TD
Peebles	37	23	.622		Peebles	7	147	21.0	0
Peebles	FGA 2	1	.500		Banker	2	76	38.0	0

The Unvanquished

As the seniors on this year's football team sat down to Thanksgiving dinner after the Clinic Bowl, we had much to be thankful for over the last four to six years. We are grateful for coaches whom we all liked and who could mold us into winners. We are thankful for a harmony among ourselves which has enabled us to give the united effort necessary for victory whenever a game did not seem to be going well. We are grateful to the students at MBA who have supported us with enthusiasm and shared our pride. We are especially grateful that no other bad injuries occurred after Bill Hubbard's and Gordon Peerman's almost put an end to our dreams of going through MBA undefeated.

Besides being thankful, however, we are also very proud. We have worked hard to achieve success, making many sacrifices in order to devote a 100% effort to football. Some of us have gone six years through MBA without knowing defeat. All of us have been undefeated together for the last four years. Our record can be equalled, but not broken by any other high school team. The memory of our high school football will have great meaning to us for the rest of our lives. Therefore, we ask you to share our joy and our pride; but

if, unintentionally, our pride offends anyone, try to understand us and realize that we have accomplished a goal which we dreamed of for six years.

—Barrett Sutton

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From the Training Room:

Doodles from Doctor D.

This is a typical day in the training room.

Glasgow: Just slide on out of here.

Denson: I wonder who could have made all these grease spots on this rug.

Woodcock: Dubuison, I hid the Lemon-C's for you.

Peebles: Hey man! Watch where you spray that stuff!

Harris: But Esty Foster likes the way I tape his ankle.

Barriek: Man, I really got the hurts today.

Knocker: Boy, Dubuison, you sure keep a messy training room.

W. Sutton: Banker has a sore throat. You may have to amputate, Doc.

Denson: Dubuison, somebody as good as you ought to be able to make me well.

Coach Rogers: Burkhalter, how about a little A-Balm?

B. Summers: Denson, I'm the toughest player in the NIL, so watch it.

T. Summers: I have this hurt. . .

Burkhalter: Hey, that Mouthpiece Sanitizer ain't bad stuff.

Davenport: Hey, who let all these basketball players in here?

Tizlow: But my feet hurt! Besides, I want some Gatorade.

B. Jones: Where's the skin lube, Dube?

White: Nitrotran doesn't sting, does it?

Dubuison: If anybody gets hurt, don't bother me. I'm busy.

from the frosh field

The scores of the games of the MBA Frosh football were as follows:

MBA—0	Ryan—25
MBA—0	Clarksville—26
MBA—7	BGA—6
MBA—7	Hillwood—13
MBA—20	Overton—0
MBA—7	Wright—19
MBA—7	Cohn—6
MBA—14	Apollo—6

As you can see, the Freshman finished strong, winning three of their last four. Coach Tillman, who has a very high opinion of the potential of this class, feels that they were better than their record indicates and that the freshman of

this year have a great future in MBA football.

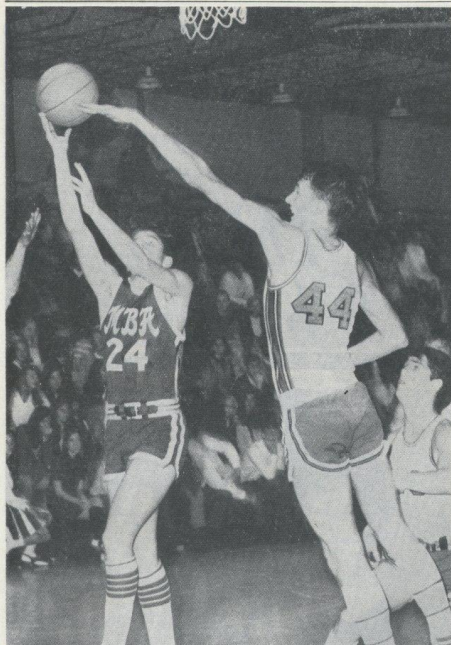
Among the many frosh stars who have the ability to develop into fine players on the varsity are Damon Regen, Al Whitson, Bob Latimer, Hal Justice, Bill Carpenter, and Whit Holcomb. This year there were three freshmen who played on the varsity: Ernie Leonard, Fred Fisher, and Steve Todd. Steve won a varsity letter for his excellent work. Fred and Ernie starred for the Junior Varsity.

"Little Red" Echoes Varsity Success

The J. V. football team finished their season with a fine record of 4-1, losing only to Hillwood 13-12. MBA's victories included Antioch (7-0), BGA (19-6), Overton (12-6), and a second romp over BGA (34-6). This year (unlike past years in which the third-string varsity players played most of the Junior Varsity's games), the duties were evenly distributed among the J. V. stalwarts and the Varsity reserves. Offensively, the "Little Red" was always an aerial threat. Chief signal-caller Jay Ramsey, along with freshman standout Fred Fisher, time and again completed crucial passes to their outstanding receivers: Gep Nelson, Tom Nesbitt, Ernie Leonard, and John Eason. On the ground, Teddy McCauley, Murray Tidwell, and Steve Brown did most of the running. Bush Sneed anchored the generally outweighed line. He also played defense, being one of the few players to go both ways for the Junior Varsity. The stingy defense was led by linebackers Joe Marable, Brant Lipscomb, and Randy Short, and nose guard Reb Ferress. We would like to congratulate the coaches—Mr. Riggins, and Mr. Alexander—on a fine season.



"Let's go outside and talk this over," mutters Coach Rogers to a referee. In all respects, Mr. Rogers was an invaluable aid to the team.



Junior guard Ed White puts in two points despite the six foot arms of the Hillwood defender.

Cagers Upset Toppers In Season Opener

M.B.A.'s varsity basketball team opened its season by stunning Hillwood 59-55 in the 'Topper gym. The Big Red secured its first opening victory since the days of Jerry Loftin and Co., the 1966 18th district champions. Berry Holt led the M.B.A. offensive drive with 25 points, and Charles Tygard added 13 more. Ed White contributed 13 points, but he also added a great defensive effort.

At the end of the third quarter, The Big Red trailed by a slim one point margin; however, M.B.A. outscored Hillwood 14-9 in the final stanza to secure an opening victory. Perhaps the turning point of the game occurred when Hillwood was assessed with a technical foul with less than one minute remaining in the contest. Charles Tygard nervously converted the two charity tosses awarded for a personal foul; and then Hollywood Holt stepped to the line with all the grandeur of Paul Newman and made the free throw given for the technical foul, thus giving M.B.A. a comfortable three point lead. Another odd happening of this game and perhaps one of the darkest moments for Hillwood followers occurred when a 'Topper took the fourth quarter tip-off, drove toward the basket, and put the ball through the hoop. The only drawback was that he had scored at the wrong goal—thus, two extra points for the Big Red.

The varsity basketball team of 1968-1969 has the potential to be an excellent team. After a mediocre 10-12 season in 1967-1968, the Big Red returned seven lettermen—seniors Berry Holt, Charles Tygard, Bruce Jones, Jeff Peeples, Barry Banker, Teddy McNabb, and junior Ed White. In addition to the varsity returnees, ex JV players are John Gibson, Bert Dale, Howard Carmichael, Gordon Moughon, and Ed Milam.

The Big Red, however, must first overcome their pre-Christmas jinx. In the past three seasons, the team

has not eclipsed the .500 mark during this period. After Christmas though, the Big Red in these three seasons has had a winning record.

Coach Bennett, by scheduling non-league opponents early in the year, hopes to give the team experience before the league games. The Big Red's journey to Stratford for a preseason scrimmage was for this reason. The Big Red undoubtedly will be without the services of football players—Jeff Peeples, Barry Banker, and Bert Dale—for the first few games so they can learn all the plays. Certainly both their leadership and experience will be greatly welcome. Indeed the 1968-1969 varsity season, because of the spirit and enthusiasm exhibited by all participants, may well prove to be the best in many years.

B. J.: "But I don't want to get out of your sight."

Donny B.: "What do you mean—Supersnake?"

White: "I'm not a snake, Tygard."

Howard (Oedipus) Carmichael: "What's the matter with having a staked ankle?"

Perry: "I wish Debbie would come to my game."

Hollywood Holt: "I'm in deep, passionate love."

JoJo (Tiz) Tygard: "The four most hated words in the English are 'go to the baseline.'"

"Slither on over here, Benson."

W. T. Bramham: "If you want to see a snake, Tygard, go see Benson."

Milam: "If I have to sprain my ankle just to score two points, then I just ain't gonna shoot."

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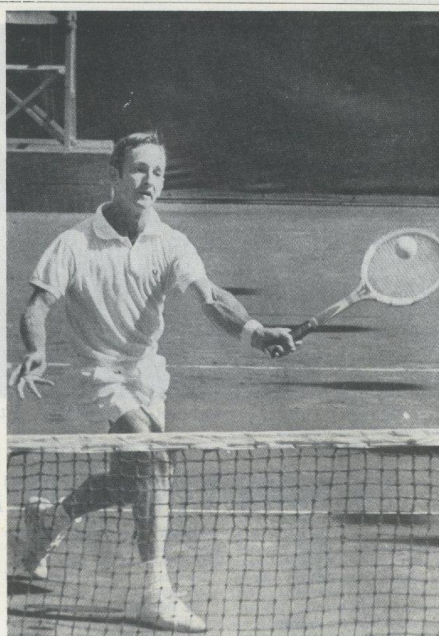
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Cross-Country Shows Improvement

This fall the MBA cross-country team had a very promising season though this was its second year in existence. The members of this unique and highly selective team were sophomores Sonny Bodo, Dan Mann, Frank Purdy, Jamie Stifler, and Andrew Strickert, juniors Steve Barkley, and Don Currey, and senior Ted McNabb.

The season's highlights were the three cross-country meets. The first was at BGA against BGA. On a wet and muddy track, Stifler managed a first place, Purdy finished eighth, Currey ninth, and Barkley tenth. (At a cross-country meet there is only one race and it is two miles long over hilly country.) BGA took the other places and got the points to win. Shelby Park was the scene of the MBA-Ryan-Hillsboro triple meet. Though Stifler and Currey finished in the top ten, MBA was again outscored. At Lipscomb MBA competed with these same teams once more. The first three places were taken by the opposition and McNabb, in fourth place, was first of the MBA runners.

Next year is sure to be a good one for the MBA cross-country team. They hope to have many new recruits from freshmen who were in football this past fall and will be scouting for miles and half-milers in track this spring.



World Champion Rod Laver displays perfect form in punching away a forehand volley.

Rod the Rocket Laver Boosts MBA Tennis

Rod "the rocket" comes to MBA. Seldom are junior tennis players given the opportunity to have personal instruction from the best tennis player in the world. Such an opportunity was given to MBA

students and students from Hillwood, Ryan, St. Cecilia, and Harpeth Hall. On a frigid Monday afternoon, December 9th, Rod "the Rocket" Laver held a tennis clinic on the MBA courts for all interested students who braved the cold weather to see this great man in action.

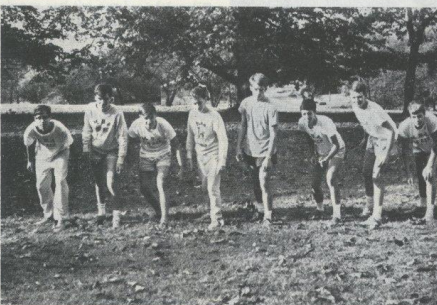
Rod was visiting Nashville as part of a contingent of professional players playing in the first annual Dixie Professional tennis tournament held in the Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium. Other members of the pro tour included Ken Rosewall of Australia, Andres Gimeno from Spain, Poncho Segura from Mexico, and Poncho Gonzales and Butch Buckoltz from the United States.

Mr. Dave Anderson, coach of the MBA tennis team, arranged for several members of the tennis squad to see the players up close by serving as ball boys during the matches. This is an especially hard job since some of the pros are very strict about their balls due to the large amount of money involved in most matches. The intense concentration required to play tennis at this high level requires that everyone involved perform their job to perfection and with the least disturbance to the players.

We are very grateful to Mr. Laver for coming to MBA to teach the methods of play which have made him such a highly regarded player. Even if no one ever becomes as good as Mr. Laver, everybody who participated benefitted from the program. Rod is no stranger to Nashville and many of us saw him play an exhibition match at Hillwood County Club this summer. He played Tommy Mosur, the number one player on the U. T. tennis squad and the Southeastern Conference champion. Though he beat Mosur, Rod was hampered by a bad elbow. However, playing at full strength in the Nashville tourney, he won the tournament by beating Ken Rosewall in the final match.

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Merry men (not Robin's) re-enact Custer's Last Stand while protecting new library from possible second attack.

UNKNOWN VANDALS DEFACE LIBRARY

On Wednesday November 13, a very unfortunate incident occurred at MBA's Patrick Wilson Library: the library was doused with a bucket of sickly cream paint on the rear wall of the building. This action was completely unsuspected as it was thought that some type of vandalism such as this might be done on Thursday night, November 14; and if this had happened, the culprits would have been met by the ladder rungs and lead pipes of Ricky Roark and his band of heroes. But the "mad painters"

obviously knew that someone would be expecting them on Thursday so they did the dirty deed on Wednesday. Complicated? Of course not!

But the fact remains that someone threw a gallon of paint on the back wall of the library, which is red-brick, leaving the paint to dry over night. To the horror of Mr. Carter and the anguish of Mrs. Fryer, the next morning there was a large, ugly, cream-colored splotch directly in the middle of the wall, marring the building's

beautiful construction. Afterwards, however, the paint was sand-blasted off returning the wall to its original color.

The real question however about the job is "Who done it?" The primary suspect is Ryan since the painting occurred during the week of the MBA vs Ryan football game. This was the reason why R.R. and his men had planned to hold the hill on Thursday night: because of the possibility of Ryan revenge. And since they had been expected on Thursday, it is a possibility that some Ryan student might have had common sense not to come on Thursday night if he knew Roark was going to be there.

However there are other possibilities such as a group of revengeful Hillsboro students who were mad because of their defeat a few weeks earlier and had been thwarted by Ricky and the "Roark Transmission Trap" along with the band of heroes the night before the Hillsboro vs MBA game. Although this possibility is somewhat distant, it is possible.

The next guess would have to be that a former MBA student was the artist. This former student might have had enough dislike for the administration that he tried to vandalize the most valuable portion of the school.

But a most reliable (?) source has stated that some members of the Sigma Epsilon Nu High School Fraternity attending Ryan were the actual vandals to the library. This person seems to be one of many who thinks that he knows "Who done it?" Do you?

Music Men . . .

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ended their concert with Sergio Mendes' "Look of Love" and Darius Milhaud's "Scaramouche." Special appreciation is due the Big Red Club, the sponsor of the program. Exposure to good music is always a rewarding experience; the opportunity to hear two gentlemen who have contributed so much to MBA's aesthetic sense is really in the nature of a gift.

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Concert Speakers...

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the newly-formed Community Relations Department to talk to the students about law enforcement. They talked about the problems of enforcing the law and then held a question and answer session with the students. Such questions as what must a curfew note say and whether you can keep a club under the front seat were answered and commented upon by the policemen. We wish to thank the policemen for taking time to come to MBA for their presentation.

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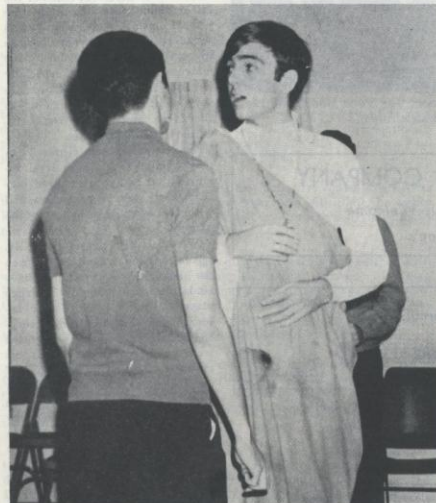
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"Get off my robe!" mutters Caesar Tommy Brothers to Senator Tyler Appfel during the Dramatics Club Shakespeare presentations.



Fall fashions dominate campus in-crowd. Cheerleaders bravely don kilts as Pirkle stoops to meet minimum skirt length.

Two Sides . . .

(continued)

Dick Gregory supports these lazy bums, and he supports a Negro cause which burned down Watts and much of Detroit. A cause for which Stokely Carmichael told Negroes to prepare for a civil war. A cause for which black leaders say their white brothers can help them by giving them machine guns. Is this the Negro cause you want to succeed in America?

In my opinion, Dick Gregory is not a Communist; however, the CPUSA (Communist Party USA) claims incomparable skill in getting non-Communists to do its work. I now quote the book *What We Must Know About Communism*. "The strength of the Communists has all too often been as the strength of ten because he has known how to get ten persons to serve his purposes; persons who have profoundly wanted peace; persons who believe in racial equality; persons who have wanted to make an all-out stand for civil liberties."

Whom does this sound like? In the same book is pointed out that one of the main Communist target groups in the United States is the Negro community. I quote, "It is a basic tenet of Leninism that an underprivileged minority group is ripe for revolution." The Communists claim overwhelming success for their work among Negroes.

Dick Gregory also (tries to) appeal to the youth of this nation. It so happens that one of the CPUSA's major targets is the youth group. Dick Gregory supports the so-called demonstrations in Chicago. What he failed to tell you was that in Chicago, youths raised the Russian flag. It was conclusively proved that this protest was organized by Communists. Is the parallel between Gregory's ideas and these facts just a coincidence?

Dick Gregory also blames riots on the white racism. I blame them on Negro anarchists who are too lazy to earn a living so they ignore our laws and steal what they want and get away with it.

America is polluted only by Communists and their sympathizing helpers. Under Communism there is rule by a dictator, everyone would make the same wages, and everyone would live in the same type of house. There would be no God except the government, and you could not voice your opinions or even read the truth. Is this the way you want to live? Dick Gregory wants to change America and by his support of Communist activities in the United States, there is little doubt which direction he would lead us.

A vast majority of the MBA students do not support Dick Gregory because they recognize him for what he is—our enemy. His ideals would lead America to the destruction of its great ideals, and patriotic Americans are not going to stand complacently by when there are people like Dick Gregory.

—Chip Grice

Letter to the Editor

COMMENT ON DISCIPLINE

DEAR EDITOR:

This school has instituted one rule to govern the conduct of its students: every student is to be a gentleman on and off campus. Of course, this rule precludes acts such as lying, cheating, and stealing; however, there are some acts which are both gentlemanly and ungentlemanly. On November 14, shortly before the ringing of the final bell, an incident of this type occurred. On this date, in order to raise school spirit for the Father Ryan game, a group of cheering seniors ran once around the study hall. Since this act was an attempt to raise school spirit, the seniors viewed it as a gentlemanly deed. On the other hand, since it was a disturbance, the administration viewed it as an ungentlemanly act. Who, then, was right, the seniors or the administration? The answer is that both were right; it was both a gentlemanly and an ungentlemanly act.

What, then, was to be done with these seniors? Were they to be punished or to be left unpunished? In previous years, incidents of this type have occurred. In all of these cases, the seniors were not punished. Consistency, then, dictated that the seniors should not be punished; this time, however, they were punished, albeit mildly. In short, the administration was inconsistent. What will happen if this inconsistency grows? I can see only two results. Either the students will grow timid because they fear that any act they do might be punished or they will grow overly bold because they feel that any act they do will not be punished. Both of these extremes are to be avoided. If the students grow timid, this school shall produce a graduate fit only to follow, not to lead. If the students grow bold, this school shall produce renegades who can only deprecate the school's name. For the above reasons I urge a consistent policy.

—Vernon Vix

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Dick Gregory, who is a severe critic of President Johnson, is disgusted with the President for surrounding himself with politicians and unqualified people. Politicians cannot solve the civil rights problem but qualified and capable authorities can. During the missile crisis, expert scientists were hired to determine and solve the problem; the same is needed to solve the civil rights crisis.

Mr. Gregory is humble in that he respects many white people mainly because these people treat him as an equal person. The activist once said, "When I become your friend and not your Negro friend, then we'll have something going." He realizes that Negroes must be patient about obtaining equality but not at the same time when white racism is growing.

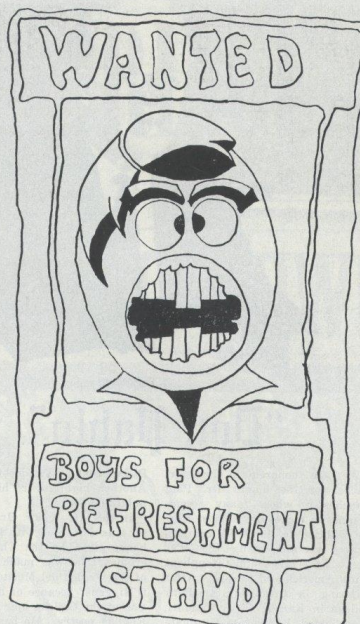
Dick Gregory is certainly a distinguished and dedicated man. He has given up a job which could bring him a \$200,000 income in order to crusade for equality of races. He recently ran for the Presidency of the United States to offer every citizen the chance to have a "dedicated statesman" as President. In his view a politician compromises in order to get votes or to be popular in the Gallup Polls. On the other hand a statesman cannot compromise against that which he knows is right. A politician gives away jobs and offices to people as political favors and debts. The most recent example of this is President-elect Nixon's poor choice of a Vice-President which was the result of a political debt to Strom Thurmond. However, a statesman is like a college president—he does not have to be an expert in every field, but he tries to obtain the best qualified personnel in each field in order to have an outstanding university.

On riots Mr. Gregory declares that he abhors riots but he sees why they happened. The Negro is hopelessly locked in the ghetto as long as white racism prevails. At first the Negro went out of his area to nonviolently protest the conditions of the slums but water hoses and cattle prods silenced them. By rioting within his area, the black man brings in the mass media and actually shows people what the conditions are like. The truth is revealed and soon new housing projects begin. Mr. Gregory tells his audiences that Negroes stand up to fire hoses and racism no longer with "turn the other cheek" but with "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". Because of this belief, he has been called a "Communist" but he declares that he's not going overseas and leave his newly declared rights to some other white guy to abuse.

As the college president brings in highly regarded professors so does he allow controversial speakers to come express their ideas. In this way, two viewpoints to every issue can be heard. To disregard the other side of an issue is to isolate our thinking and openmindedness.

We can't disregard what a controversial figure has to say because our biased thinking will not accept him. The biggest fallacy of many conservative leaning MBA students, who have been well indoctrinated with their parents' beliefs, is to call someone a "Communist" because he does not agree with their own thinking. Even if the students don't agree with what Dick Gregory or any other left-wing thinking speaker says, they should at least listen to what he has to say, then they can formulate some rationalizations about him.

—Wally Kuhn



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Although the 3:20 bell marks the end of the day's hard work for most students, the work is just beginning for the members of the MBA wrestling team. Hidden away in their brand-new wrestling pavilion, these dedicated athletes toil for two hours each afternoon, only to emerge dripping-wet and dog-tired, weighing two to seven pounds less than when they entered. However, (considering the material involved) the conditioning, work, and excellent coaching of Coach Higgins should produce another outstanding wrestling season for the Big Red.

This year's team will be dominated by seniors, many of whom have lettered as many as three years already. Captain Brett Kirkpatrick and co-captain Clyde Smith head the list of seniors who are possible starters. They are joined by Wade Martin, Bud Curtis, Bill Davenport, Tom Moss, Karl Hamilton, and Tom Sharp. Returning lettermen also include: Billy Knox, and Deaver Collins. Starting experienced wrestlers in ten out of the twelve weight classes, this year's team is looking to give Father Ryan, favorite as picked by the Nashville Banner, a close race for the District championship.

The grapplers opened their season on an unusually early date this year. Their first match was with Hillsboro on Friday, December 6. The team climaxed a month of hard work by defeating the Burros 34-15. Pins were recorded by Karl Hamilton (177), Brett Kirkpatrick (183), and Dick Workman (154); Deaver Collins (120), Clyde Smith (127), Bud Curtis (145), and Tom Sharp all gained a decision on their opponents. Tom Moss fought the captain of Hillsboro's team to a draw, and Billy Knox added five points by showing up and receiving a forfeit.

The team has scheduled 2 more dual matches before Christmas, at Glenciff and C.M.A. On December 21-27, the wrestlers will be competing in the city tournament at Glenciff. The tournament is earlier than usual this year, and will afford an excellent opportunity for individuals to assess the upcoming competition in his weight class.

The days are too long; the nights are too short; and the meals are too skimpy for MBA's wrestlers. Yet, with a lot of work and a concerted team effort, there is a chance that several of this year's squad may have a straight shot to a state title—a feat never before accomplished by an MBA wrestler. It all starts each afternoon with the 3:20 bell. . . .

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